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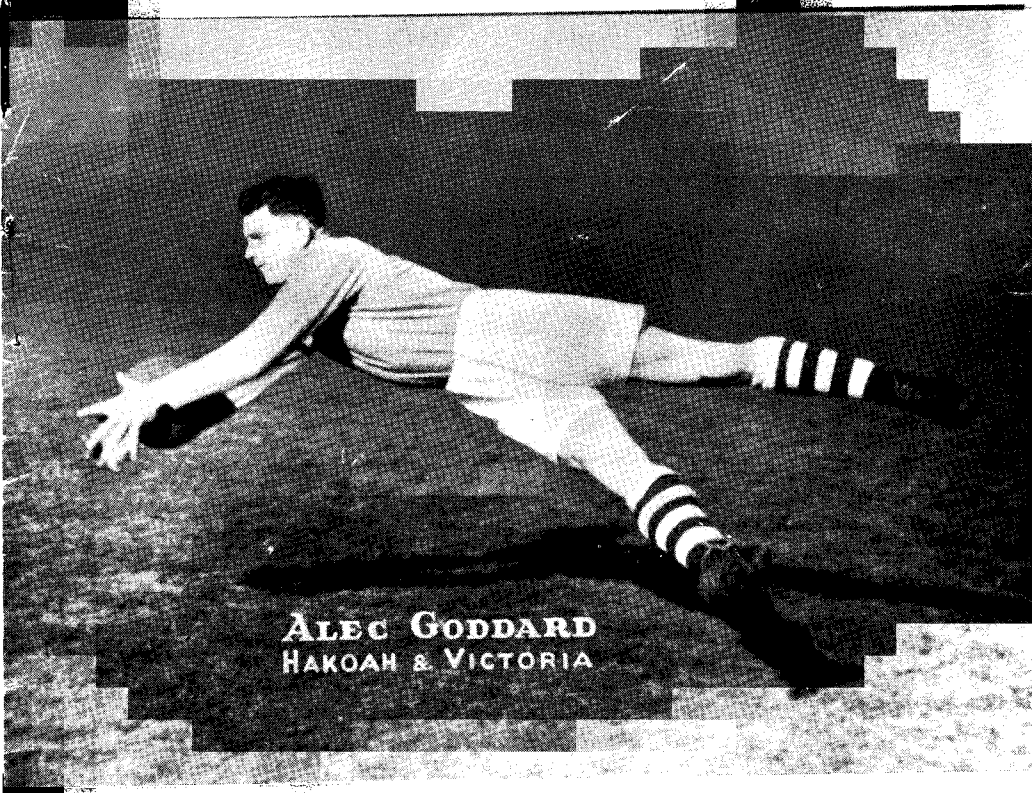

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Editorial

All communications re Soccer News must be sent to The Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 42 Nelson Street, Sandringham, S.8, by first post on Monday.

Many of the lower division teams found their First Division opponents carried far too many guns for them in last week's Dockerty Cup third round games.

Hakoah made mincemeat of Frankston by scoring 11 goals to 1. (The seaside team can console themselves that they scored one against the doughty Jewish team.) Prahran crushed Nunawading, 8-1, and Second Division runners-up (Polonia) did the same to Williamstown. J.U.S.T. defeated Geelong, 5-2, and Moreland were too good for White Eagles and downed them by 8-3. In two cases, however, the lower division sides were far from outclassed. Northcote (Third Division), who this year are the giant-killers, added another notch to their gun by beating Park Rangers by 4-0. Northcote have so far added two First Division teams (Footscray City and Park Rangers) and one Second Division team (Preston) to their bag. In the fourth round they meet Polonia and if they beat them it really will be a turn-up.

Probably the biggest thrill last Saturday was the Brighton-Shell game at Hurlingham Park, which a large crowd attended. Newly-promoted to the Fourth Division, Shell were as good as their hosts, and held them to a one-all draw at full time. Extra time made no difference, and the game will be replayed on Sunday, August 2, at Olympic Park. The winner plays Moreland in the fourth round.

Last Saturday Soccer News visited the Latrobe Valley. The Cup Final between Moe United and A.P.M. (Maryvale) was in progress and the standard of play was high; I would say equivalent to the best Second Division standard in Melbourne. Moe were the winners in a closely contested game by 3 goals to 2.

Things are going well in the Latrobe Valley area. Good write-ups are printed in the local paper and the Association publicity boy, Peter McMahon, gives a weekly talk over the local radio station.

The Gippsland Junior Association also is well to the fore with three grades—Under 12, Under 15 and Under 20, with four teams in each. Moe High School is playing soccer and new junior and senior teams are mooted for next year.

The Chinese tour of Australia has commenced and the visitors will soon be in Melbourne. So far difficulty has been experienced by the V.A.S.F.A. in finalising arrangements for a ground, but it is hoped to put the three games on under the very best conditions, as was done when the English team was here. All soccer fans are advised to make a note of the dates for these games will be the highlight of the 1953 season. Don't forget Saturday, August 22 and 29 and Wednesday, September 2.

To country Associations we suggest that all fixtures for these dates be cancelled and bus trips organised so that the local boys may have the rare opportunity of seeing an overseas side in action.

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SNOWS "for men who care what they wear"

THE MOSCOW "DYNAMOS"

By CHARLES BUCHAN

The outstanding feature of the 1945 season in England was the visit of Moscow Dynamos, from Russia. They set the country talking. People still eagerly discuss them to this day.

It took place in November, and created a sensation from the start.

Remember, the Russians were our allies and helped us to a great victory over the Germans. Everybody wanted to give them a great welcome and to see how they could play the game.

There were, however, difficulties over the hotel accommodation and they refused to play any other than club teams, and no more than one game in seven days.

They could not understand why we would not put off our League games so that one of our teams could play them on a Saturday.

They also stipulated many things to be carried out before they would step on to the field.

Among them were: names of the teams to oppose them to be submitted and not changed without their consent; Arsenal to be one of the teams; substitutes to be allowed; that one of the games should be refereed by an official they had brought with them.

He did, in fact, have charge of the Arsenal game, at Tottenham. But his methods were peculiar, to say the least.

He patrolled one side of the field while each linesman had one half of the opposite touch-line to look after.

It was hard to pin-point the Russians. They would give no interviews. One morning I went down to Stamford Bridge to watch them training. They never turned up.

Instead, they went to the White City, where no arrangements had been made to receive them.

Their first game was against Chelsea, at Stamford Bridge.

The Pensioners included guest players Jim Taylor and Joe Bacuzzi, of Fulham, and also Tommy Lawton who had just been transferred to Chelsea from Everton.

The Russians thought Lawton had been specially brought in to play against them, and did not like it a bit.

With so much publicity and argument, the game attracted a tremendous crowd.

The gates were shut at least half-an-hour before it was timed to start. There were 82,000 inside Stamford Bridge, over-flowing the greyhound track, right on to the playing pitch.

The Russians certainly could play football. They made the ball do the work, moving into position quickly and serving up a brand that we had not seen in Britain for many years.

They drew with Chelsea 3 — 3. Even though their equalising goal near the end had a strong suspicion of offside, they were a grand team, equal to anything we could put up against them.

Dynamos second game was with Cardiff City, at Ninian Park. It was a match that never should have been arranged. Most of the City team were working lads, some in the pits and in hard jobs, who came straight from their work to play.

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Saturday, August 29—AUSTRALIA v. CHINA (4th TEST)

Wed., Sept. 2—CHINA v. A VICTORIAN CONTINENTAL XI

CHINA v. N.S.W.—Continued

Lee Chun Fat

L. J. Channing

control. Games in China are played only 35 minutes each way, due to the hot climate, so that our visitors have to get used to playing games which will be 20 minutes longer than they normally play.

It is interesting to note that the secretary of the team, Mr. L. J. Channing, was born in Melbourne and went to school for some years at Golden Square State School, Bendigo.

The Chinese tourists are a friendly crowd. Most of them speak good English and are easy to talk to. They seem very happy in their quarters in Sydney.

Their next game was versus Metropolis in Sydney last Tuesday, which they won, 3-1. Today they are playing v. Australia in the first Test match in Sydney at the Showgrounds. In this game Victoria will have only one representative, Angus Drennen, at left-half. The team for today's Test is as follows:—

Drennen (Vic.)

Goal—Mahoney (N.S.W.).

Backs — O'Malley (S.A.), Wendt (N.S.W.).

Halves—Sands (N.S.W.).
Lawrie (Q'land).
Drennen (Vic.).

Forwards—Stewart (N.S.W.).
Leonard (N.S.W.).
Nunn (Q'land).
Garside (N.S.W.).
Robertson (N.S.W.).

Nunn (Q'land)

Victoria's prestige seems to have dropped since our defeat by Queensland and we are back to the bad old days when it was considered that there were no players south of the Murray. It is to be hoped that as the visitors come south the Australian selectors will remember that the continent extends south of N.S.W. After all, there was an Interstate Carnival last year and some of the Victorian players are still living.

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HARD SHELL

Like many other people, I was interested to see how the Shell team would fare against a First Division club, so I went to Hurlingham Park and saw them play Brighton. It was a gruelling game, with no beg-pardons from either side. In the early part of the match, they had the Brighton defence working overtime, the wings crossing beautiful balls to each other, and on occasions, Brighton did not know which direction the attack was coming from. Their forwards do not try to walk a ball into the net; they only have to see a glimpse of the goals and they shoot. There were several occasions where Brighton should have scored, but the Shell goalie was too good. He's quick and his anticipation is excellent. It is my opinion that if the Shell team had met tougher opposition earlier in the season, they would have won, but they tired badly towards the end of the game.

LUCKY SCHOOLBOYS

It is interesting to hear that school teams have two Australian internationals coaching them, Tom Jack (Hakoah) and Alex Barr (Brighton). These two gentlemen give a lot of time to the school teams, and I understand that boys, who previously had not kicked a soccer ball, are now very proficient, and it shows what proper coaching can do. The talent is there and it only needs to be brought out. So come on, you players, if you have the time to spare; give these schoolboys the benefit of your experience.

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Pat Clarke has played in State trials in the following positions: outside-left, right-half, centre-half, and now State selectors are trying him as centre-forward. Watch out, Pat, you might finish up in goal.

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Talking of State teams, it seems as though our selectors are having trouble in picking a forward line. Last Sunday two defenders were tried there, in an effort to give it some much-needed "punch." It will be interesting to see who is finally picked for these positions.

Sir,—I would like to give my opinions on the rumpus which occurred at Olympic Park on Sunday, July 12. I am opposed to any attacks on referees, or any type of hooliganism such as we witnessed on that day. I am also opposed to the banning of the Sunday international games as a solution to these difficulties and I am suspicious that some of the voices raised in praise of it in the Press may be thinking of the impending downfall of soccer to the benefit of another code. What utter hypocrisy it is for these people to yell for our blood, when every Saturday the umpire has to be given police protection at Australian Rules grounds. The Government talks of assimilating our new citizens, yet deny us the right of an enclosed ground with a fence round the arena, on which our games could be conducted properly. Yes, Mr. Editor, the answer is as simple as that; just five words: "A fence round the arena."

Before our critics can place a halo round their brows, I would like to see an Australian Rules game between Collingwood and Fitzroy played on an open park with no fence. When that match is staged without the necessity of half the Victorian Police Force being present, I will "dip my lid" in homage to their lilywhite game.—H. V. ROSE.

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V.A.S.F.A. SECRETARY'S NOTES

League Matches—

Matches listed for August 22 have now been brought forward to August 8 as follows:—

First Division Reserves

Prahran v. Brighton.
Moreland v. Footscray City.
Juventus v. J.U.S.T.
Box Hill v. Hakoah.

Second Division Reserves

Sunshine United v. Sand'ham City.
F.N.D. v. White Eagles.
Polonia v. Preston.
Geelong v. Sunshine City.
Sth. Melbourne v. South Yarra.

Third Division Reserves

Astor v. Coburg.
Fairfield v. Ukrainia.
Northcote v. Maccabi.
Wms'town v. Wilhelmina.
Dandenong v. Moorabbin City.

Third Division

Moorabbin City v. University.
Coburg v. Dandenong.
Frankston v. Williamstown.
Maccabi v. Fairfield.

Fourth Division

Hellenic v. Slavia.
Maribyrnong v. Victoria Police.
Slovakia v. I.C.I.
Heidelberg v. Nunawading.

Fourth Division Reserves

Brighton v. South Yarra.
Nunawading v. Hellenic.
Shell 'B" v. Box Hill.
N'cote H.S.O.B. v. Heidelberg.

DOCKERTY CUP — FOURTH ROUND

Northcote v. Polonia.
Shell or Brighton v. Moreland.
South Yarra v. J.U.S.T.
Prahran v. Hakoah.

S. BEATON, Secretary V.A.S.F.A.

EDITORIAL—Continued

It is to be hoped that all schools in Victoria where soccer is played will encourage their lads to see these games and so improve the standard of play in the school competitions.

The season draws on and many clubs can now read their certain fate. It is sad to see such keen clubs as Park Rangers and Sandringham City doomed already to relegation in the 1954 season. May we wish them a speedy return to the major ranks as now seems assured to South Yarra, who went down last season.

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HOME and AWAY

By REX BENSON

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WASHED OUT

Tough luck on the big crowd that filled the triple-decker River Plate Stadium to see the International between England and Argentina. Tickets were at a premium, but after 23 minutes the game was abandoned without score, as the bottom deck of the stand was nearly awash.

BAN ON SOCCER "PROS" LIFTED

Not locally! The Jugoslav Sports Association has given up the fight against "Shamateurism," and the big clubs, about 25 of them, are now permitted to have part-time professionals. Sweden is now one of the only amateur bodies; it was their amateurs that beat Scotland this season in Glasgow and lowered the kilts to half-mast.

BEWARE OF FORMING FALSE CONCLUSIONS

Evans, the English referee, received a bad shoulder injury in the recent international match between Austria and Hungary. He fell over a photographer squatting on a side-line. In some games abroad these close-up camera-men appear laws unto themselves.

LUCK OF THE TOSS

They say a Test Match can hinge on it, but fancy deciding games literally by the spin of a coin. Yet that is what happens after a drawn game for the Glasgow Charity Cup, and now it has been a feature of the F.I.F.A. Youth Soccer Tournament in Belgium. Fancy coming great distances merely to call "heads" and win a game.

IRISH ENTERPRISE

Cork Athletic showed great enterprise in signing Raich Carter, former England star forward. They won the F.A.I. Cup after a replay with the other Cork club, the Evergreens. Now that Carter is taking over Leeds United, the club are after Joe Mercer, of Arsenal, in his stead.

ON LOOKING INTO MY CRYSTAL BALL

If one thing is certain at this stage, it is that the skids are under University, who look like ending their points tally for the season with the dreaded cypher. Only three years ago they were holding their own in the Second Division. It might not generally be known that in other sports, notably cricket, University have first claim on a student's services, even if he were an established player of another club.

A GOOD TURN IN ERROR

When the Millwall crowd "played up" a few years ago (not an unknown occurrence at "The Den") the F.A. closed their ground for weeks. They had to play their next home game with Newcastle at Crystal Palace, and

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THE MOSCOW "DYNAMOS"—Continued

They provided a Roman holiday for the Russians, who won by 10—1.

The third game was with Arsenal, at Tottenham. Because Arsenal had so many players abroad, they invited guest players for the occasion, among them Stanley Matthews.

As the Russians had not received his name among the list of players submitted to them, they objected strongly.

After a lot of argument. the match was played in dense fog, which made the proceedings a farce for the 54,000 onlookers.

Dynamos won 4—3, but like most of the crowd, I saw very little of what went on.

If it had been a Football League game I am sure it would have been abandoned. But the Russian referee in charge—according to their stipulation—somehow managed to play full time.

Many of the Arsenal players told me afterwards it was a tough game with plenty of obstructional tactics, especially against the hapless Matthews.

Dynamos took their unbeaten record to Ibrox Park, to play Glasgow Rangers, in their last game. They had established such a reputation that a crowd of 90,000 turned up.

They drew 2—2 and Rangers were, I was told, lucky to equalise with a penalty-kick, taken by big George Young, Rangers' and Scotland captain.

Before the Russians returned to their country, with a record of two wins and two draws—19 goals for and 9 against—there was a meeting between British and Russian officials to discuss the many problems of the tour.

I went to the meeting but it was a one-sided affair. When any Britisher wanted to know anything about the Russian ways, they did not understand.

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TASMANIAN TALKS

By BOB EASTERBROOK

METRO v. BRONTE PARK

Words fail me. Yes! I am completely baffled by the Park. In the numerous games I have witnessed them play, they always give promise of great things and then, for some unknown reason, fade out in the last 20 minutes. Being rather inquisitive, I questioned one or two of the officials, and my supposition is correct. Few, if any of the Bronte boys do any training. In Saturday's game, play was evenly distributed for a period, yet the Metro forwards had the pull and were ever a source of danger. The highlight of the game was a free kick by Clasper outside the 18 yards line. He drove home a beauty to beat Wise all ends up—a goal in a million. Harmsen's equaliser was that of a born opportunist. Kielmann nodded a ball to the ground and the Bronte Dutchman pounced on it to level the scoring. Arnold put his side in the lead, then Dance and Mitchell added to the Metro's total. Result: Metro 4, Bronte 1. Mansen looks a very promising player and with careful nursing should go places. For Bronte, Newall, Toal, Keelman and Bow were outstanding.

SOUTH HOBART v. CALEDONIANS

Before a splendid attendance and in brilliant sunshine, these two League leaders battled for supremacy. The South had the Scots unsettled (Anderson and Smith being sadly missed). The first real tinge of excitement—a rocket drive by Alexander and an equally brilliant save by Cracknell. Then Arnott headed home from a perfect cross by Dunlop. Meanwhile Kruger skimmed the bar at the other end. Alexander again sent over a ball which had written all over it, "For you, George," and Arnott rose to it like a swallow to head home. In the second half, Assmann cleared off the goal line, then a grand goal by Brian Oakes. The ever-watchful pounced on a ball from a delayed clearance by Shields and drove home a real smasher. Doug Slater added a third goal for the Caledonians from a scrimmage. A goal for South Hobart was something one reads about but seldom sees. A free-kick taken by Gardner was sailing past the uprights (as most people thought), when Mackie astounded one and all by collecting and hooked a beauty to the roof of the net. Was McCreadie surprised? I'll say! Now the fat was in the fire and excitement reached fever pitch. Caledonians forced six corners in quick succession, but of no avail. The last goal by Arnott was brilliantly executed, beating two men to send home a lovely goal. Result: Caledonians 4, South Hobart 2. Goal-scorers: Caledonians, Arnott (3), Slater; South Hobart, Oakes and Mackie.

McQuarrie St. Schoolboys, under the careful tuition of J. Dolliver and J. Evans, of South Hobart, have scored 49 goals against 0. Takes some beating!

Arnott (centre), of the Caledonians, is leading goal-scorer with 29 goals, and Brian Oakes (centre), South Hobart, follows.

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The Wanderers are returning to the fold next season. Anyone interested in an official capacity, please phone Mr. Rae (W.1111).

We are now off the "Gold Standard." I believe? the ex-Caledonian sharp-shooter has resigned for his old love.

Brian Anderson, Caledonian's brilliant outside-left, is now doing his National Service with the Navy (stationed at Flinders). A protege of Charlton Athletic's nursery. So accept my previous recommendation, Moreland; snap him up. You will have no regrets. [Flinders Naval Depot (Second Division) have probably snapped him up already.—EDITOR.]

SOUTHERN TASMANIAN ASSOCIATION — SECRETARY'S NOTES.

With the season's roster two-thirds completed, it seems to be a convenient time to give readers a note on the leading goal-kickers. At the moment, George Arnott, Caledonian's sharp-shooting centre-forward, is leading in Division I with a tally of 28 goals to date, followed by Adrian Harmsen, of Metro, with 19; Jack Acquroff, also of Metro, with 12; and young Brian Oakes, of South Hobart, with 11. Then come W. Smith (C.) with 8 and Cavner (M.), Dolliver (S.H.) and Clasper (Bronte Park captain), all with 6. It is interesting to note that clubs are obviously keeping their sharp-shooters well supplied with opportunities; for Calies' total of 53, Smith and Arnott have 36 between them, and of Metro's total of 46 Harmsen, Acquroff and Cavner have netted 37 between them.

We in Tassie think that these figures are a good indication of the good type of soccer being played here, and it is particularly pleasing to note that even in Victoria they are not bettered.

In Division II goal-kickers are H. Laird (Mt. Nelson), 17; Hodge (South Hobart), 11; Kuzis (Metro), Munro (Calies) and McGuinness (S.H.), all with 8.

Chinese Visit.—I have been informed by the A.B.C. sporting editor for Tasmania, that the match with the touring team on August 26 will be broadcast by that body, and this will be encouraging news to soccer fans in hospitals, etc.

Intra-State Fixtures.—The final of the intra-State tournament will be played at Launceston on August 1, when a strong Southern team will play the North-West Coast. On the same day another team from the South will play a Northern Association team and the State selectors will be afforded a great opportunity to see most of the State's best players in action on the one day. The return North v. South Division II game will be played on the same date.

Today's Games.—Today A.N.M. broke the ice in so far as points are concerned when they took a point from Sandy Bay by holding that team to a scoreless draw.

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STORY OF THE F.A. CUP—PART 9

By TED PRIDGEON

Questions were asked in the House; the Home Secretary appointed a committee to examine the position in all its aspects. The Football Association at once issued an official statement: "Under the agreement between The Football Association and The British Empire Exhibition the arrangement for the sale of tickets for admission to the stadium, the provision of police, and the control of the crowd generally were in the hands of The British Empire Exhibition.

"The Football Association deeply regret the incidents and inconvenience caused to the public and will, upon production of any tickets with counterfoil attached, return the cash to the holders who travelled to the stadium and were prevented from taking their seats."

The Wembley authorities, in fact, were entirely responsible for all the arrangements, but they had been caught unawares by events. The stadium was capable of holding some 127,000 people and at 1.45 p.m., with the standing accommodation filled, all gates had been closed. From that moment the multitude left outside took control. At 2 p.m. Scotland Yard was telephoned for a large force of mounted police, while every police station in the immediate district was called upon for help.

The gross gate receipts were £27,776, of which £4206 was paid out in Entertainment Tax; The British Empire Exhibition took £4714 and the two clubs and the F.A. £6365 each. Of their share The Football Association refunded £2797 to ticket holders who were unable to claim their seats. Official figures tell us that 126,047 were in the stadium that afternoon (90,520 in the standing terraces and 35,527 ticket holders in the stands). This figure was, of course, the only one the stadium authorities were in a position to issue: the actual number will never be known, but it was certainly around the 200,000 mark. Of one thing we can be certain. Never before or since, anywhere in the world, has such a crowd been enclosed by the boundaries of a football ground. Since that year admittance to the Final has been by ticket only, a wise system that has spread far beyond the Final itself.

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Letters to the Editor

Readers are invited to send along queries, suggestions, etc., to the Editor. All will be given appropriate consideration.

Sir,—I feel that all followers of soccer would appreciate if Soccer News would attempt a wider coverage of all games of the preceding week. The daily papers give only an account of First Division matches, and the articles in "Around the Clubs" section are always biased. I think this would be a decided improvement, and would give the players of other teams a chance to read at least a few lines about the other games in their own division.

Also, why not stop the Scots from bragging week after week in the same vein? One would think they were world champions in soccer, which, of course, they never will be. Let us remind them of the result of their last match, at home, i.e., in Glasgow—Sweden v. Scotland, 2-1. What about that, Duncan McDougall?—G. LUKSTINS, University S.C.

Sir,—I agree with V. J. M. Dixon in the July 4 issue of Soccer News with regard to the position of the game today. Unfortunately, he is only repeating what was said in Soccer News two years ago, so why appeal to the clubs? They have failed badly in regard to juniors, so it is now up to the Council to make regulations, as they did years ago, thus improving the situation from the junior angle. The regulation compelled First Division clubs to have junior sides. I would suggest including Second Division, too. As we all know, clubs are divided into two classes; those clubs that are run on a commercial basis (they must have the best team at all costs to draw the crowds), for it is a financial loss to run junior sides, remembering no compensation is given by the Association to clubs with junior teams. The other class of clubs are run by enthusiasts of the game, which, in most cases, is hard work and disappointment. I am still of the opinion that it is hopeless trying to get soccer into the State Schools; so the next best is to give the glamor to the schoolboys by playing them as curtain-raisers to the seniors on Saturdays. Then these boys will see the game as it should be played. At present they usually go to pictures or Australian rules games. The position of the soccer game should be plain to all by asking how many Australian-born boys are playing soccer today, and compare them with the overseas boys playing Australian Rules. Thus, immigration has benefited the other codes, and now that the soccer Council has enjoyed the boon in finance and players, it is up to them to prepare for the reverse.—BILL BOWMAN.

[Soccer is played at many State Schools now, but it would be played in more, Mr. Bowman, if it were possible to find more mid-week coaches.—EDITOR.]

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BORDER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Tallangatta caused the surprise of the season by beating the competition leaders, Albury City, by 1 goal to 0.

On the day they were the much better team and were unlucky not to have won the match by at least 4 goals to 0.

Congratulations, Tallangatta, on another fine win, and you have proved that on your home ground you are the hardest team in the competition to beat.

At Bandiana in a hard, fast game Wodonga ran out winners by 6 goals to 3.

Play became very heated several times and twice the referee halted play to allow players to cool down.

At Albury, Albury United easily defeated Mt. Beauty United by 11 goals to 2. Play in the first half hour of this game was fast and even, with first one side scoring and then the other, but the Albury United forward line proved too strong for the opposing defence, and in the second half almost scored at will.

The defeat of Albury City by Tallangatta has considerably altered the competition ladder. It means that three teams are in line for the premiership, namely, Albury City, Albury United and Wodonga.

Should Albury United or Wodonga draw a game, it means that the premiership will be decided on goal averages—a most interesting stage for a competition to be in.—CLEM MARTIN.

HOME AND AWAY (continued)

drew a record gate of nearly 50,000—more than their own ground could accommodate! I now contemplate against whom would the F.A. had taken action had this crowd misbehaved. Makes one think of the fracas a fortnight ago. 'Nuff said.

BRIGHTON PLAYERS SHELL-SHOCKED

Brighton must have entered on their Cup-tie with easy feelings; so much so that no member of the club had bothered to give Shell the once-over. Although they were much the better side, they will have to pull out all the stops in the return game to hang on to the Cup.

Two players stood out above the rest, Ralph Walker, and the Shell goalkeeper, and for the first time Steve Czauderna now has a serious challenger for the State XI. The marksmanship on both sides was appalling.

Perhaps in such an important game, the overworked referee will be provided in future with official linesmen. He had to suffer a lot of abuse from those behind the shelter of the touchline.

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In a very hard and even game Moe were able to turn the tables on A.P.M. and lift their first trophy in their first season in operation. On Saturday's display it would be hard to single out any particular stars in the victorious team, as each and every one played his part. Wakka at right-half and Hammond in a new role at inside-right duly paid dividends. Collins at centre was well held by Kennedy, but it was pretty obvious that instructions had been given to keep the ball away from the middle. Erpin at left-back improves with every game and it is a treat to watch his understanding with Young at left-half. McLusky, the dashing centre-forward of A.P.M., wasn't allowed very much rope by Alexander. Jack Forsyth at outside-left, also improves with every game. The team can look forward with confidence to their next meeting with A.P.M. on Saturday week.

After the game the president of L.V.S.F.A. presented the cup to Bob Young, who in reply thanked him and also his team mates and A.P.M. for the very enjoyable game. Both teams were honored by the presence of the editor of Soccer News (Mr. Dixon), who was witnessing his first Latrobe Valley game. In his speech after the presentation, he expressed satisfaction at the class of football provided, especially that of the victorious Moe team. Mr. Hooper, L.V.S.F.A. delegate to the Melbourne League, also commented on similar lines. Mention is also due to the Morwell club for their ground arrangements. The game was well conducted by the ever-popular Jock McLachlan. I hear that he is leaving us soon for the big city; we all wish him every success.—"BYSTANDER."

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Around the Clubs

FAIRFIELD

Although the score was high it was no indication of the game. I'm happy to say South Yarra did not have an easy victory. Result: 5-0.

On Sunday Fairfield had a return game with Upper Yarra Dam at Fairfield. The visitors once again proved too strong for our boys. Result: 4-2.

If any club not playing in Cup games would like a good cheap outing, take Fairfield's advice and visit U.Y.D. You will not regret it. Those interested contact either Mr. Yourstan, of U.Y.D., or ring FU 022, Ext. 1114, and ask for John Ennor and all arrangements will be made for you. U.Y.D. urgently need games.

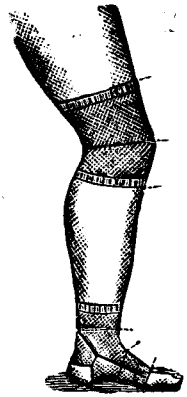
FOOTSCRAY CITY

Everything comes to those who wait. Last Saturday Footscray's supporters waited two hours before the result of the City's third round Reserve Cup game with Juventus was settled. And what a game it was, for players and spectators alike—excitement and suspense for two hours. Footscray started off with a goal in 15 minutes, quickly followed by another, but Juventus fought back and at half-time City were leading 2-1. On the resumption terrific pressure was put on Footscray and Juventus equalised Relentless tackling prevented further score. Extra time showed that Footscray, through sheer determination, were the equal of their opponents, and cracked in the winner, centre-forward Hayden getting his hat-trick. This in a match—win or lose the Cup—we shall remember, and thank Juventus for the privilege of being the first team to lower their colors.—W. H. ROBERTS.

NORTHCOTE SOCCER CLUB

On Saturday, June 18, Northcote entertained Park Rangers in the third round of the Dockerty Cup at Princes Park before a fair crowd. The game started at a fast pace, and the early play favored Northcote, whose forward line were playing copybook football. Northcote opened the scoring through Williamson, and minutes later almost had a second when Carter hit the post, with the Rangers' keeper beaten, just before half-time. Brown, Northcote's centre-half, scored a grand goal from 30 yards out to make the score 2-nil in Northcote's favor at the interval

Northcote started the second half again in top gear and it came as no surprise when Carter got his head to a McAvoy cross, and Northcote were three up. The cheering had scarcely died away when Carter had the ball in the Rangers' net again. With four goals up, Northcote were content to



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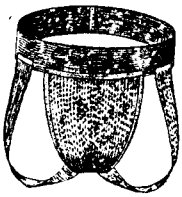

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cruise along, with the result that Park Rangers came more into the game, but Harvey, our goalkeeper, defied all their efforts. And so the game ended with the score, Northcote 4 goals, Park Rangers 0. Best players for Northcote were Harvey, Winton and Brown in defence, while Adams took the eye in the forward line. Mulcahy was a tireless worker for Park Rangers.—NORMAN.

PRAHRAN

Prahran v. Nunawading—third round of the Dockerty Cup. In ideal conditions the result was a win for Prahran, with a score of 7 goals to nil. After 15 minutes' play Taylor opened the scoring with a grand low drive which hit the corner of the net, giving the goalie very little chance. Other goals were added and at half-time Prahran led 3 goals to nil. Resuming play, it was seen that the result was a foregone conclusion. The standard of play was extremely good, and Nunawading were certainly good triers; so much so that soon after half-time they were rewarded with their one and only goal. Wilson's passes from the wing were just what all forwards dream about, and advantage was taken of them; hence the 7 goals, and these will certainly worry Juventus next week if they come over again like that.

All at Prahran wish Nunawading all the best in their future soccer and thank them for giving a good clean exhibition of soccer. The committee and all members of Prahran give their heartiest congratulations to Andy Remmers and wish him all the best in the State trials.—G. STEVENS.

UPPER YARRA DAM

On Sunday, July 19, our team visited Fairfield. Mr. John Ennor guided our bus to the club rooms where the Fairfield ladies provided a welcome "cuppa" before play commenced at Kew National Park ground.

During the first half, Fairfield had to contend with a very strong head wind, and the half-time score was 3-1 in favor of U.Y.D.

The match concluded in improved conditions, and the final score found U.Y.D. the victors, 4-2.

We thank those (including Mr. and Mrs. Ennor) who organised our afternoon's enjoyment, for a job well done.—E. K. DAWSON.

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Junior Section

The Junior Association regrets that the sports programme that was arranged to take place last Sunday at Olympic Park as a preliminary to the main soccer match of the day, had to be cancelled at the last moment. This was brought about by the cancellation of the Sunday International series. Clubs will now wait until advised of a new date for the sports programme.

The young senior players who notified Mr. J. Parker that they would take part in the match Young Seniors v. Victorian State Under 20 team, are advised that this match has been arranged for Sunday, August 2, and will be played on the South Melbourne United ground at Middle Park, commencing 2.30 p.m. All players are to meet at the South Melbourne dressing-rooms at 2 p.m. sharp, and are to bring with them their football gear—boots, sox, shorts, etc.

Today, at Middle Park (South Melbourne United's ground), the Junior Association will entertain 36 young players from the Central Gippsland Junior Association. Three matches will be played—Under 14, Under 15, and Under 17; Central Gippsland v. Metropolis. The first match starts at 12.45 p.m. These matches are played annually for the Inter-Association Cups. The games were played last season at Yallourn, and the present holders of the Cups are—Under 17 (Cleland Cup), Metropolis; Under 15 (J. A. Olsen Trophy), Central Gippsland; Under 14 (Old Boys' Cup), Metropolis.

Tomorrow, Sunday, July 26, the Victorian State Under 20 team that will be visiting South Australia in August to compete for the Interstate Trophy, the Skolnik Cup, will be visiting Yallourn to play against a team from the Central Gippsland Association.

Players are advised that transport will be leaving outside the Y.M.C.A. at 9.30 a.m. sharp.

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Under 20—Juventus against Brighton; Sunshine United against Footscray City.

Under 14—South Melbourne United against Prahran.

The first-named club in each instance is to forward the amount of 2/6, together with the result of the game to the Association Secretary within seven days. Juventus club is to also forward the result of their match against Sandringham City, played on July 4.

Training Squad Under 20.

In preparation for the State Under 20 team to visit South Australia on August 18, the following boys will meet outside the Y.M.C.A. at 9.15 a.m., Sunday, July 26, for transport to Yallourn:—

C. Vangalista (Juventus), J. McIvor, A. Sullivan (Preston); I. Petherwick, A. Durkin (Sunshine United); Bauld (Sandringham); B. Traynor, B. Lynch, B. Horrocks (Box Hill); L. Cousins (Northcote); B. Roberts, A. McCartney, T. Mitchell, J. Finlay (Brighton); K. Simpson (South Melbourne United).

Any boy wishing to take a friend must first ring XB 1443, as there is a limited number of seats available.

BRIGHTON UNDER 20's

Brighton's return match with Juventus at Royal Park ended in a 3-all draw. It was fast, hard football and Juventus only managed to level the scores in the last five minutes of the game. Rankin scored all Brighton's goals, while McCartney (centre-half) and Roberts (right-half) were the outstanding players.—A. M. MITCHELL.

THE MOSCOW "DYNAMOS"—Continued

There is no doubt that the Russians were a great side. I would like to point out, though, that they had spent several weeks in the Caucasus mountains, training for the tour.

They were fast, fit and fearless. They were up against players who were out of training, working hard for their living and very short of match practice.

If they were to come over during the League season now, the results would be different, I am certain.

That, however, does not detract from their fine exhibitions.

When the Dynamos returned home, they were made "Heroes of the Soviet Union."

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LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JULY 20, 1953

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Juventus	13	11	1	1	39	10	23
J.U.S.T.	13	10	0	3	46	23	20
Hakoah	12	7	2	3	36	17	16
Prahran	13	7	1	5	39	31	15
Moreland	13	6	2	5	32	22	14
Brighton	13	7	0	6	33	32	14
Box Hill	13	4	2	7	24	38	10
Footscray City	13	4	1	8	16	37	9
Yallourn	12	3	1	8	17	33	7
Park Rangers	13	0	0	13	14	53	0

Second Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
South Yarra	13	11	1	1	49	15	23
Polonia	13	9	3	1	47	11	21
Geelong	13	7	3	3	30	18	17
South Melbourne	12	7	0	5	43	27	14
White Eagles	12	6	1	5	24	30	13
Sunshine United	13	5	3	5	21	31	13
Preston	13	4	1	8	21	45	9
Sunshine City	13	3	1	9	21	32	7
Sandringham City	13	3	0	10	22	48	6
F.N.D.	13	1	3	9	14	33	5

Third Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Maccabi	13	9	2	2	36	17	20
Northcote	12	8	2	2	40	18	18
Fairfield	13	8	1	4	37	25	17
George Cross	12	7	2	3	39	20	16
Dandenong Rovers	13	5	4	4	31	16	14
Frankston	13	4	5	4	32	30	13
Moorabbin City	13	6	1	6	33	32	13
Williamstown	12	2	4	6	20	28	8
Coburg	13	2	3	8	22	43	7
University	12	0	0	12	6	75	0

Fourth Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Slavia	13	9	1	3	42	14	19
Hellenic	12	7	3	2	68	18	17
Slovakia	12	6	3	3	50	23	15
I.C.I.	13	7	1	5	19	19	15
Maribyrnong	12	7	0	5	38	25	14
Nunawading	12	6	1	5	28	30	13
Victoria Police	12	4	1	7	43	27	9
Shell	4	4	0	0	28	4	8
Heidelberg	12	1	0	11	13	58	2
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First Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Juventus	13	13	0	0	56	12	26
Brighton	13	10	1	2	40	18	21
Box Hill	13	8	0	5	44	24	16
Prahran	13	7	2	4	37	26	16
J.U.S.T.	13	7	0	6	39	26	14
Footscray City	12	6	0	6	25	20	12
Yallourn	12	4	1	7	22	27	9
Moreland	12	3	2	7	20	31	8
Hakoah	12	1	2	9	11	47	4
Park Rangers	13	1	0	12	10	59	2

Second Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
South Yarra	13	12	0	1	67	16	24
Polonia	13	11	1	1	72	18	23
Geelong	13	10	2	1	43	19	22
South Melbourne	13	8	2	3	36	20	18
Sunshine City	12	5	2	5	25	23	12
Preston	13	5	1	7	34	35	11
Sunshine United	13	5	1	7	26	41	11
Sandringham City	13	3	1	9	30	50	7
F.N.D.	13	1	1	11	17	49	3
White Eagles	12	0	0	12	10	78	0

Third Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Ukrainia	12	7	3	2	36	14	17
Fairfield	13	8	1	4	31	47	17
Moorabbin City	13	7	1	5	35	34	15
Northcote	12	5	2	5	33	35	12
Coburg	13	5	2	6	23	27	12
Williamstown	13	5	0	8	27	57	10
Astor	13	4	11	8	38	57	9
Dandenong	11	4	0	7	24	33	8
Wilhelmina	3	2	0	1	7	2	4
Maccabi	12	1	2	9	8	36	4

Fourth Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Box Hill	13	11	0	2	69	18	22
Brighton	13	10	0	3	69	17	20
Shell "B"	13	9	2	2	21	14	20
South Yarra	12	8	2	2	34	11	18
Polonia	11	5	3	3	29	20	13
Heidelberg	13	5	1	7	9	29	11
Northcote H.S.O.B.	12	4	0	8	14	38	8
Hellenic	13	2	1	10	19	55	5
Nunawading	12	2	1	9	11	40	3
Moorabbin City	12	1	0	11	7	38	2

JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLES AS T JULY 20, 1953

Under 20 Division

Sunshine United	12	9	2	1	43	11	20
Brighton	11	8	2	1	40	7	18
Juventus	11	7	1	3	30	16	15
Box Hill	12	5	2	5	19	20	12
Footscray City	11	5	0	6	18	33	10
Preston	11	4	1	6	17	25	9
Sth. Melb. United	11	3	1	7	15	29	7
Northcote H.S.O.B.	13	3	1	9	16	35	7
Sandringham City	12	2	2	8	11	33	6

Under 17 Division

Brighton	11	11	0	0	53	5	22
Sunshine City	13	9	2	2	36	11	20
Moreland	13	9	0	4	56	12	18
Prahran	12	9	0	3	49	15	18
Frankston	11	7	1	3	18	10	15
Box Hill	12	7	1	4	8	19	15
Sth. Melb. United	12	6	1	5	28	21	13
Nunawading	7	5	0	2	9	10	10
Preston	12	5	0	7	13	43	10
Sandringham City	11	4	1	6	23	19	9
Polonia	10	4	0	6	16	23	8
Moorabbin City	13	0	1	12	11	55	1
South Yarra	8	0	1	7	2	55	1

Under 15 Division

Sunshine City	13	13	0	0	60	1	26
Sth. Melb. United	14	10	2	2	60	11	22
Coburg United	14	8	0	6	27	23	16
Sunshine United	13	6	2	4	31	9	15
Sandringham City	14	6	3	5	25	37	15
Moorabbin City	14	6	0	8	32	24	12
Preston	13	4	2	7	14	29	10
Box Hill	13	4	1	8	16	65	9
Brighton	14	3	1	10	22	28	7
I.C.I. (Deer Park)	14	2	0	12	10	71	4

Under 14 Division

Box Hill "A"	13	12	1	0	98	2	25
Sunshine City	14	12	1	1	68	3	25
Essendon	13	10	0	3	33	18	20
Brighton "A"	13	9	1	3	35	13	19
Prahran	14	8	0	6	43	27	16
Northcote	12	7	1	4	30	20	15
Sth. Melb. United	13	5	0	8	26	37	10
Coburg United	14	4	1	9	9	54	9
Moorabbin City	10	1	2	7	5	30	4
Box Hill "B"	11	1	2	8	5	43	4
Brighton "B"	13	1	1	11	6	60	3
Park Rangers	12	1	0	11	2	53	2

METROPOLITAN TECH. SCHOOLS

Swinburne	9	8	1	0	31	4	17
Footscray	8	7	0	1	36	7	14
Preston	8	6	0	2	21	12	12
Oakleigh	8	4	1	3	24	9	11
Brighton	8	3	3	2	14	8	9
South Melbourne	9	3	2	4	20	25	8
Prahran	8	3	1	4	16	21	7
Collingwood	7	1	1	5	8	21	3
Caulfield	7	1	1	5	9	16	3
Box Hill	8	1	1	6	7	19	3
Richmond	8	0	1	7	6	41	1

Collingwood v. Caulfield, 15/7/53, abandoned because of rain.

BORDER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Albury City	11	8	0	3	51	16	16
Wodonga	10	7	1	2	43	18	15
Albury United	9	6	1	2	45	17	13
Bandiana	10	5	0	5	32	24	10
Mt. Beauty United	10	4	0	5	23	38	8
Tallangatta	11	3	0	8	17	41	6
Central Workshops	9	1	0	8	8	68	2

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First Division

Caledonians	12	9	2	1	53	20	20
Metro.	12	9	1	2	46	17	19
South Hobart	12	8	2	2	33	23	18
Bronte Park	12	3	1	8	27	40	7
Sandy Bay	12	3	1	8	15	38	7
A.N.M.	12	0	1	9	9	47	1

Second Division

South Hobart	10	9	0	1	43	13	18
Mount Nelson	11	8	0	3	41	14	16
Caledonians	10	6	0	4	29	18	12
Zinc Works	11	3	2	6	17	29	8
Metro.	11	2	2	7	18	37	6
University	11	2	0	9	12	45	4

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First Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Juventus	13	13	0	0	56	12	26
Brighton	13	10	1	2	40	18	21
Box Hill	13	8	0	5	44	24	16
Prahran	13	7	2	4	37	26	16
J.U.S.T.	13	7	0	6	39	26	14
Footscray City	12	6	0	6	25	20	12
Yallourn	12	4	1	7	22	27	9
Moreland	12	3	2	7	20	31	8
Hakoah	12	1	2	9	11	47	4
Park Rangers	13	1	0	12	10	59	2

Second Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
South Yarra	13	12	0	1	67	16	24
Polonia	13	11	1	1	72	18	23
Geelong	13	10	2	1	43	19	22
South Melbourne	13	8	2	3	36	20	18
Sunshine City	12	5	2	5	25	23	12
Preston	13	5	1	7	34	35	11
Sunshine United	13	5	1	7	26	41	11
Sandringham City	13	3	1	9	30	50	7
F.N.D.	13	1	1	11	17	49	3
White Eagles	12	0	0	12	10	78	0

Third Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Ukrainia	12	7	3	2	36	14	17
Fairfield	13	8	1	4	31	47	17
Moorabbin City	13	7	1	5	35	34	15
Northcote	12	5	2	5	33	35	12
Coburg	13	5	2	6	23	27	12
Williamstown	13	5	0	8	27	57	10
Astor	13	4	11	8	38	57	9
Dandenong	11	4	0	7	24	33	8
Wilhelmina	3	2	0	1	7	2	4
Maccabi	12	1	2	9	8	36	4

Fourth Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Box Hill	13	11	0	2	69	18	22
Brighton	13	10	0	3	69	17	20
Shell "B"	13	9	2	2	21	14	20
South Yarra	12	8	2	2	34	11	18
Polonia	11	5	3	3	29	20	13
Heidelberg	13	5	1	7	9	29	11
Northcote H.S.	12	4	0	8	14	38	8
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